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19. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a [said] multi-beam scanning optical apparatus [of] according to any one of
claims 1 to 18;

a photosensitive member disposed in the scanning surface;

a developer for developing, as a toner image, an electrostatic latent image
formed on said photosensitive member by light beams scanned by said multi-beam
scanning optical apparatus;

a transfer device for transferring the developed toner image onto a [transfer
member] recording medium; and

a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the [transfer
member] recording medium.

22. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a [said] multi-beam scanning optical apparatus [of] according to claim 21;

a photosensitive member disposed in the scanning surface;

a developer for developing, as a toner image, an electrostatic latent image
formed on said photosensitive member by light beams scanned by said multi-beam
scanning optical apparatus;

a transfer device for transferring the developed toner image onto a [transfer member] recording medium; and

a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the [transfer member] recording medium.

27. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a [said] multi-beam scanning optical apparatus [of] according to claim 24;

a photosensitive member disposed in the scanning target surface;

a developer for developing, as a toner image, an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by light beams scanned by said multi-beam scanning optical apparatus;

a transfer device for transferring the developed toner image onto a [transfer member] recording medium; and

a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the [transfer member] recording medium.

30. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a [said] multi-beam scanning optical apparatus [of] according to claim 29;

a photosensitive member disposed in the scanning surface;

a developer for developing, as a toner image, an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by light beams scanned by said multi-beam scanning optical apparatus;

a transfer device for transferring the developed toner image onto a [transfer member] recording medium; and

a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the [transfer member] recording medium.

33. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a [said] multi-beam scanning optical apparatus [of] according to claim 32;

a photosensitive member disposed in the scanning surface;

a developer for developing, as a toner image, an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by light beams scanned by said multi-beam scanning optical apparatus;

a transfer device for transferring the developed toner image onto a [transfer member] recording medium; and

a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the [transfer member] recording medium.

36. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a [said] multi-beam scanning optical apparatus [of] according to claim 35;

a photosensitive member disposed in the scanning surface;

a developer for developing, as a toner image, an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member by light beams scanned by said multi-beam scanning optical apparatus;

a transfer device for transferring the developed toner image onto a [transfer member] recording medium; and

a fixing device for fixing the transferred toner image on the [transfer member] recording medium.

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